# COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE

Date: <u>Feb 21, 2007</u>	
Applying For: Los Osos Wastewater Pr	olect Technical Advisory Committee
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if appointed, are you willing to participate in the majority of meetings each year and, if necessary, in numerous related meetings or subcommittees? YESNO
Should you be appointed, are you willing, if necessary for that particular body, to file a statement of disclosure as a public official under the standards set forth by the Fair Political
Practice Commission? YES NO
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Date called/interviewed Recommended for appointment?YESNO
Appointee prefers not to have address or phone number published?YESNO
Additional Comments:

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## Gail McPherson

 Record of Prudent Fiscal Management Utilizing Private Sector Strategies to Implement over \$6 Mil in Operational Savings.

Capital Improvement Project Management:

- Innovative and award winning projects such as the Aeration System retrofit in 1993, the Hidden Valley Wetlands restoration project in 1995. Headworks replacement project in 1996, and Back-up Power Cogeneration Project in 1999-2000. Received national recognition for engineering excellence for projects under my leadership.
- "BEST IN CLASS" Sewer Maintenance and Spill Response program
- Demonstration Project For Water Reuse, And Future Market Targeting
- Extensive Personnel Policy Development
- Development & Implementation of Computerized Info Systems
- Local Ordinance and Regulatory Development
- People Orientated, Experienced Team Leader and Trainer

#### **Professional Experience**

1987-2001 completed major wastewater construction projects, capital program master planning, project development, contract and construction management.

Plant retrofit and upgrade capacity and replacement, Solids handling (Digestion); 20 mgd Tertiary Water Filtration plant 1993; Solids Handling expansion (dewatering), Primary treatment replacement and expansion, Secondary aeration retrofit...BNR added capacity and new system; Headworks Replacement System 1997; Constructed Wetlands; State of Art Regional Laboratory 1994;

Regulatory NPDES compliance master plan initiation; Nitrogen credits trading; development and management of innovative and award winning projects which received national recognition for engineering excellence including: Aeration System Retrofit; Hidden Valley Wetlands Restoration Project (nitrogen removal); Headworks Replacement Project Bio-Odor Control; Back-up power/cogeneration project.

### Fiscal Management

Extensive experience with capital project funding (public agency enterprise funds), developing fee structures; updating commercial charges; and ongoing cost analysis programs, reducing costs through private sector and competitive strategies with the implementation of performance metrics.

## Articles Published

- Optimizing Chlorination/Dechlorination at a Wastewater Treatment Plant; Public Works Publications;
   January 1995
- Hidden Valley-Hidden Treasure for Riverside; Land and Water; March/April 1996
- Biological Nutrient Removal; Water Environment Federation, Facility Operations 1& II Vol. 6 October 1998
- Improved Solids Handling Using High Performance Dry Polymer Feed; Waterworld Review; Jan/Feb 1994
- Use of Constructed Wetlands For Effluent Denitrification And Environmental Enhancement- A Win-Win Solution for the City of Riverside. Water Environment Federation, Facility Operations 1995

#### **Public Speaking**

Presentations to Public Officials, City Council, various Governmental Boards and Regulatory agencies such as OSHA, AQMD, EPA, SWRCB, DHS as well as community organizations over a 12 year period.

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## Curriculum/Program Development

Riverside Community College District: Environmental Technology Program, Advisory Committee Chair: City of Riverside Safety and Training Program: Emergency response and disaster preparation, risk management pograms-Developed training development materials for 36 mo. program.

#### Awards/Recognition

## Association of Municipal Sewerage Agencies

- AMSA Research and Technology Award
- 98 Gold Award
- 97 Silver Award
- 96 Gold Award
- 94 Gold Award
- Environmental Engineering, Wetlands Enhancement Project

## American Consulting Engineers Council

- Wetlands Project, 1996
- CELSOC Wetlands Project, 1996

## **WestCAS**

1997WestCAS Golden Cactus Award

# California Water Environment Association:

#### **Public Education**

- Research Award
- Public Education
- Engineering Excellence
- Plant of the Year
- Engineering Research
- Collections Systems
- Safety Program
- Plant of the Year
- 5s Society
- Operator of the Year

#### City of Riverside Awards:

- Distinguished Service Award
- People Serving People Award
- Distinguished Service Award
- Distinguished Service Award
- Youth Education Motivation Program
- Nominated YWCA Woman of Achievement & Athena awards